# From Our Members



## XIX<sup>th</sup> CIPA Symposium 'New Perspectives to Save Cultural Heritage'



The XIXth Symposium of CIPA, the ICOMOS and ISPRS Committee on Documentation of Cultural Heritage, was held in Antalya, in an area of Turkey with a long history, almost going back to the birth of civilisation. The venue of the symposium was the Talya Convention Center with an unobstructed view of the blue waters of the Mediterranean. There were about 200 participants



from 50 countries. Symposium Director was Prof. Dr. Orhan Altan, Council Member of ISPRS and its Society Delegate in CIPA.

The Symposium opened on the afternoon of 29th September with the speeches of the Symposium Director, CIPA President Prof. Dr. Petros Patias and ISPRS President, Prof. Dr. John C. Trinder. Following the opening Ceremony, a Welcome Cocktail really welcomed the participants to the delights of the Talya cuisine.

The scientific program as well as the social program were highly appreciated by the participants. The scientific program consisted of three plenary sessions, seven oral sessions and five poster sessions. The topics of the papers were on the subjects of traditional methods as well as new technologies such as laser scanning camera, panoramic camera, laser plus imaging, single images, video sequences and high



Participants of the CIPA 2003 Symposium.

resolution space images. The main topics were Recording, Documentation and Information Management Tools applied to:

- Archaeological Heritage
- Architectural Heritage
- Engineering and Industrial Heritage
- Urban, Natural and Cultural Landscapes
- Moveable Heritage
- Heritage Management

Information can be received at http://www.cipa2003antalya.com

On 2nd October a technical excursion was arranged to Myra, the town where St. Nicholas was born and preached, the Sunken City of Kekova, which sunk into the city as a result of an earthquake in the year 141 and to Phaselis, an ancient Pamphylian-Lycian harbour town founded in 690 B.C. by the Dorian Colonists. The excursion, since it highlighted many ancient civilisations, has been enjoyed by the guests. Especially swimming in the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean were a joy for those coming from cold countries. Many of the academicians displayed their talents in swimming and diving into the sea from the boats. The afternoon cocktail served in the Agora of Phaselis ended the day.



Prof. John Trinder opened the symposium.

Prof. Patias, President of CIPA.







Local Organizing Committee of the CIPA 2003 Symposium.

Special Session CHARISMA.

Prof. Peter Waldhaeusl chairing the Plenary Session. 2

#### Proceedings

The proceedings cost  $\in$  100.- plus postage and can be ordered via Pierre Grussenmeyer (treasurer@cipa.icomos.org) or via GITC bv, The Netherlands (jeroen.zaage mans@gitc.nl): Orhan Altan (ed.): New Perspectives to Save the Cultural Heritage Proceedings of the International CIPA 2003 Symposium in Antalya, Turkey. International Archives of CIPA Vol XIX, Antalya 2003 and The ISPRS International Archives of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Systems Vol. XXXIV-5/C15 ISSN 1682-1750, 784 pages.

#### Annual Meeting of the CIPA Executive Board

Prior to the CIPA Symposium the Annual Meeting of CIPA was held from September 28 - 30, 2003. 12 Executive Board Members were present (6 ISPRS, 6 ICOMOS Ordinary Members and Associate Members). Two Members were excused, two were not present. One ISPRS Ordinary Member position is still vacant as also one of ICOMOS.

The Executive Board decided about a new structure of working groups:

- A working group (WG) is a (unlimited to number but manageable) group of interested people, willing to work on one of CIPA's permanent areas of interest as reflected by its ToR
- Taskgroup is ad-hoc formed group of people willing to work on an emerging and strictly defined subject

The idea is to condense CIPA forces and create a critical mass for each WG. Individual interests (e.g. Laser Scanners in recording museum items, non-professional photography for archaeological documentation, web delivery of virtual museums, etc) will definitely find a home, and after all they will make the activities and the agenda of each WG broad and interesting to broader audiences.

Please note that CIPA has permanent email addresses for the executives president@cipa.icomos.org, vicepresident@cipa.icomos.org, secretarygeneral@cipa.icomos.org, treasurer@cipa.icomos.org, webmaster@cipa.icomos.org

### The Recording, Documentation and Information Management (RecorDIM) 5-Year Initiative

In continuation of the CIPA Symposium in Antalya, a Round Table Meeting of RecorDIM took place within the framework of CIPA on October 5 & 6, 2003 to establish closer contacts between information users and providers. About 40 participants, many of them from the documentation communities (representatives from ICOMOS, Getty Conservation Institute, English Heritage, etc.) discussed about their needs and wishes towards the information providers. The meeting took place in the Suna -Inan Kıraç Research Institute on Mediterranean Civilisations in Antalya. The building of this institute was really interesting for the participants because it is a restored old house still retaining many characteristics of the Mediterranean architecture. The "bridging the gap" process showed both sides the necessity of understanding each others glossary which seemed to be one of the difficult parts of the process. A next meeting is planned for 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey during the ISPRS Congress.

#### **Future Event**

The XXth International CIPA Symposium will be held in Torino, Italy from 27 September to I October 2005. Symposium Director is Prof. Dr. Sergio Dequal, Associate Member of CIPA. The first announcement will be sent out at the end of the year 2003. Detailed

Information can be received from sergio.dequal@polito.it



Best Poster Awards Winners.

Exhibition hall.

Prof. O. Altan at the closing ceremony.